



January 7, 2008

Mr. Steve Heminger
Executive Director
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94607-4700

Dear Mr. Heminger,

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project is pleased to support The Great California Delta Trail Collaborative Planning Process, FY 2008-2009 Partnership Planning Grant application submitted to the California Department of Transportation by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Delta Protection Commission (DPC).

The Bay Trail Project has been and will continue to be an enthusiastic participant in the collaborative planning process for the Delta Trail. The Delta Trail will extend the Bay Trail from Martinez and Benicia creating a continuous trail for recreation and transportation spanning the five delta counties (Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo, Sacramento and San Joaquin), eleven cities, legacy towns in the Delta, and three Caltrans Districts (Districts 3,4 and 10).

The State Legislature and the Governor deemed The Great California Delta Trail of statewide recreational and transportation significance when the legislature passed legislation (SB 1556, Torlakson) and the Governor signed it into law January 1, 2007, mandating the Delta Protection Commission to complete a feasibility study and to develop a plan for the establishment of a trail network through the 5 delta counties.

The Bay Trail Project gives its full support to this grant application and the broadly inclusive approach to the planning process. We look forward to becoming involved in The Great California Delta Trail Collaborative Planning Process which will be enabled through this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Thompson".

Laura Thompson
Bay Trail Project Manager

cc: Ms. Linda Fiack, Delta Protection Commission

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